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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNSC, CA
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BARTON TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR RAE AT UN

REF: USUN 1593

1. AN OFFICIAL IN THE UN DIVISION AT MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THE NEAR
CERTAINTY THAT AMBASSADOR BARTON, CANADIAN PERMREP
GENEVA, WILL REPLACE AMBASSADOR RAE AT UN THIS SUMMER
(REFTEL). HE SAID THAT APPOINTMENT NOT YET ENTIRELY
FIRM BUT THAT "I'LL FALL OUT OF MY CHAIR IF HE DOESN'T
GET THE JOB."

2. OUR SOURCE IS EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE WORKING-LEVEL
OFFICIAL WHO WORKED FOR BARTON WHEN LATTER WAS HEAD
OF UN DIVISION AT EXTAFF IN LATE 60'S. WHEN ASKED FOR
IMPRESSIONS, HE GAVE BARTON VERY HIGH GRADES FOR SUB-
STANTIVE ABILITY AND NOTED THAT HE HAS HAD EXTENSIVE
EXPERIENCE IN UN AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT BARTON IS SINCERELY
DEVOTED TO UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES OF UN, ADDING THE QUIP
THAT, "THAT ISN'T EASY THESE DAYS WHEN YOU HAVE
WORKED IN UN AFFAIRS AS LONG AS BARTON HAS."

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, BARTON'S APPOINTMENT
TO THE UN SHOULD RESULT IN A "CONSIDERABLY MORE EF-
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FECTIONAL CANADIAN TEAM THERE." HE SAID THAT THERE

HAD BEEN SOME FRICTION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR RAE AND THE MINISTER, GEOFFREY BRUCE, AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN REFLECTED IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CANADIAN MISSION. BRUCE HAS WORKED FOR BARTON IN THE PAST AND THEY APPARENTLY WORK WELL TOGETHER.

4. THE EXTAFF OFFICIAL DESCRIBED BARTON AS "A VERY NICE GUY" AND MENTIONED THAT BARTON HAS A STRONG AVERSION TO THE SOCIAL SIDE OF DIPLOMACY.

5. WE WILL AIR-POUCH MORE COMPLETE BIO DATA.
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